

Ontario General Contractors Taking Action to Protect Workers

TORONTO, March 21, 2020 – The Ontario General Contractors Association (OGCA) has produced a best practices document with the Labour Management Network to ensure worksites stay safe in Ontario.

The OGCA best practices have been developed to improve safety on worksites and to provide a procedure should an employee have symptoms.

Most general contractors have taken extraordinary precautions to protect workers from exposure to COVID-19. These best practices are working. All OGCA members have developed practices

There is a general duty on all employers and constructors under the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA) to take all reasonable precautions to provide a safe work environment. With regards to COVID-19, anyone exhibiting symptoms should be sent home immediately and asked to protect other workers on the site and the general public to include social distancing, and we encourage all contractors in Ontario to use them.

The OGCA has been closely monitoring the pandemic and has been working with its members, over 195 general contractors, to protect worker safety and limit exposure to COVID-19.

When the Premier of Ontario declared a state of emergency, he asked that construction, manufacturing and transportation industries to continue operating to support the supply chain and our economy. We have a responsibility to continue to operate only if we can protect our workers.

The Best Practices can be found here: <https://ogca.ca/?p=48823>

For more information about the OGCA and COVID-19, please visit:

<https://ogca.ca/>

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/2019-novel-coronavirus>

<https://ogca.ca/posts/COVID-19-updates-from-ogca-associate-partners/>

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